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1. During the period from 12 to 14 June 1952, the Hindenburg Kaserne north of Neuendorfer Strasse, Plauen (N 51/K 12), was occupied by troops who wore either black-bordered crimson epaulets or red-bordered black epaulets. All windows of the building were lighted at dusk. On 12 June, 6 officers and 100 soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets and carrying entrenching tools and signal equipment marched to the Kobitzschwalde training area. They were followed by 6 officers and 110 soldiers wearing black-bordered crimson epaulets and carrying 6 light machine guns, 3 heavy machine guns and 3 x 82-mm mortars. Another group of this size had already arrived at the troop training grounds. Forty soldiers received firing training with heavy machine guns on tripods in the barracks yard. Fifteen soldiers carrying range finders entered the installation on 13 June. Truck [] occupied by 20 soldiers and [] towing a field kitchen left the installation and both proceeded in the direction of Kobitzschwalde. On 14 June, 2 officers and 25 men wearing black-bordered crimson epaulets marched out of the installation carrying entrenching tools. Several 57-mm AT guns were seen in the barracks yard. [] a previous observation was incorrect [] the guns were actually 57-mm AT guns. [] SU-76 mounts which he had previously observed rather often were no longer there. []

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2. During the period from 12 to 14 June, the Koenig Georg Kaserne on the south side of Neuendorfer Strasse was occupied to capacity by troops who wore red-bordered black epaulets including some with black-bordered crimson epaulets. Twenty soldiers drilled in the barracks yard on 12 June. A 57-mm AT gun was noticed. [] instruction was being held in the buildings. Five trucks [] were in the barracks yard. **
3. During the period from 12 to 14 June, the Kirchbach Kaserne on Zadora Strasse was occupied by between 100 and 150 soldiers with artillery insignia, signal insignia, motor transport insignia, engineer insignia and musician insignia.

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On 14 June, radio truck [] had continuously been seen during recent weeks was again in the barracks yard. No motor traffic or training activity were noticed. ***

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- 25X1 [] 4. On 12 June, the Koenig Georg Kaserne on Neuendorfer Strasse was partially occupied by about 200 to 250 soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets with artillery insignia. There was only a small number of soldiers in the barracks yard, and no motor vehicles were seen. **
5. On 12 June, the Hindenburg Kaserne on Neuendorfer Strasse was occupied to capacity by troops wearing red-bordered black epaulets. No training activity was noticed in the northern section of the barracks installation. Noise heard from the other section of the barracks installation seemed to indicate that a sporting event was under way. *

25X1 * [] Comment. The information contained in the present report indicates that the Hindenburg Kaserne, in which the 112th Gds Itz Rifle Regt of the 39th Gds Itz Rifle Div which is stationed in Plauen is carried, is still occupied to capacity. In April, [] this 25X1 installation was partly occupied by troops wearing black-bordered crimson epaulets. Therefore, it is possible that an IIB unit may also be located in the barracks installation. An IIB office is located at the Rosa Luxemburg Platz nearby. [] the 112th Gds 25X1 Itz Rifle Regt and to the 67th Gun Arty Regt of the 39th Gds Itz Rifle Div which is stationed in the Koenig Georg Kaserne.

25X1 ** [] Comment. The information on the Koenig Georg Kaserne fails to indicate whether the 67th Gun Arty Regt was in the installation in mid-June 1952. It is possible that the regiment along with the bulk of the division is in Ohrdruf.

25X1 *** [] Comment. Further information is needed to determine the occupation of the Kirchbach Kaserne. The radio truck which is known from previous reports belongs to a radio station of a signal unit of the GOFG.

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